

# SMITHVILLE ELEMENTARY

## ESL INFORMATION

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### SNAPSHOT OF ESL @ SES

#### Languages Represented:

- Spanish
- Mandarin Chinese

#### Cultures Represented:

- Mexican
- Chinese
- Ecuadoran
- Guatemalan

### FACTORS AFFECTING YOUR ELLS

- Stage of language acquisition
- Native language and culture
- How similar is L1 to L2?
- Learning method of ELLs (Visual, auditory, tactile/kinesthetic)
- Is your student experiencing culture shock?
- Do your students have opportunities for interactions with native speakers?
- Are you presenting your lessons in a manner comprehensible for ELLs?

### RESOURCES

Ask me or the ESL department for help. ☺

*A List of Books & Resources on Multiple Intelligences*  
<http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/w1-resources.html>

*Developing Literacy with ESL Students*  
[http://www.americanreadingforum.org/yearbook/yearbooks/98\\_yearbook/html/09\\_bristol\\_98.htm](http://www.americanreadingforum.org/yearbook/yearbooks/98_yearbook/html/09_bristol_98.htm)



### TIPS FOR TEACHERS

- Make your students comfortable. Honor their native language and culture by teaching the class about it and inviting the student and family to share with the class.
- Be aware of the learning styles of your ESL students. I know you do this for all of your students, but take extra care to understand your ELLs. ☺
- Variety is the spice of life! Use a variety of methods and materials in your classroom.
- Interaction is the key to unlock language learning! Let your students speak!!!! Encourage interaction with native speaking peers and ELLs through whole and small group settings.